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To: Superintendents and Principals

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Subject: 2022 Digital Learning Grant

The 2022 Digital Learning Grant is open for applications now through Wednesday, March 16. This grant awards school corporations the opportunity to lead and support work that is focused on the following areas:

- Building teacher capacity and learning for high-quality, blended and online learning instructional practices and strategies, as outlined in the Educator Standards for Blended and Online Learning;
- Strengthening teacher capacity and learning of Universal Design for Learning (UDL) instructional strategies to support blended and online learning;
- Implementing strategies to address data presented by the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) on the academic impact of COVID-19 pandemic learning disruptions, specifically for the most-impacted student populations in current blended- and online-learning environments (e.g., Black, Hispanic, special education and English learner); and
- Purchasing and implementing technology tools directly related to the above priorities.

Grant funds up to \$50,000 may be used to support one, or a combination of, the following strands:

- Strand 1:
 - Professional learning on blended and online learning best practices.
 - Administrative costs related to providing teacher stipends or providing substitute teachers for teacher training of blended and online learning best practices.
 - Costs related to hiring trainers and/or speakers knowledgeable in blended and online learning best practices.
- Strand 2:
 - Entering into a partnership with a vendor that can provide training and support in UDL for blended and online learning.
 - Administrative costs related to providing teacher stipends or substitute teachers for the training and implementation of UDL best practices.
 - Example: Applying for a grant from a UDL service provider, which would offer intense support for teachers. Digital Learning



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Grant funds can cover stipends for teachers who take part in this work or substitute teachers to provide time for teachers to take part in this work. Grant funds can be used to pay for these partnerships with a UDL service provider.

- Continuing work with an existing partnership, which is providing training and support in UDL) in blended and online learning.
 - Administrative costs related to providing teacher stipends or providing substitute teachers for teacher training and implementation of UDL best practices.
 - Example: The applying school corporation has an existing partnership with a UDL service provider and they wish to continue this work while utilizing Digital Learning Grant funds to provide teacher stipends or substitutes for this work.
- Strand 3: The purchase of, and training on, assistive technologies.
 - Example: Assistive technologies examples are text-to-speech, literacy and writing support tools, and accessible screen readers. Recipient school corporations may grant funds to purchase needed assistive technology tools and appropriately train staff on how to integrate those tools with students.

Important Dates:

- **Grant Opens:** Friday, February 11
- **Grant Kickoff Information Meeting:** Wednesday, February 16, at 1 p.m. ET. Join this meeting [here](#).
- **Grant Application Deadline:** Wednesday, March 16, at 5 p.m. ET
- **Grant Award Notification:** Wednesday, April 13
- **Grant End Date:** September 1, 2023
- **Grant Reimbursements Due:** October 31, 2023

[Apply for the 2022 Digital Learning Grant here](#),

Questions regarding this grant opportunity should be directed to IDOE's [Office of Digital Learning](#).